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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Yasushi AONO, et al.
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AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

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This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request
for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action
mailed April 18, 2007, the term for response to which expires on
July 18, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 45 and 46
are amended; 2, 3, 21 and 22 are canceled; and claims 4-20, 23-44
are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.